No. 954 of 1867.

To

A. C. TREVOR, Esq.,
T. H. STEWART, Esq.,
H. SUMMERS, Esq.

Surat, 18*th June* 1867.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that when in the course of your enquiries you find in one house site, or other compact holding, portions of land requiring to be dealt with in different ways under the rules, you will, as far as possible—should the owners agree to the necessary terms—consolidate them into one private property tenure.

2. For this purpose the Summary Settlement cess may be redeemed under Government Resolution No. 1866* of May 12th, 1864, and the full Government Land Revenue also may be similarly dealt with when it does not exceed eight rupees per annum, under Government Resolution No. 2562 of August 3rd, 1863. Copies of both resolutions are appended. The proceeds should be paid at once into the Huzur Treasury.

* See Summary Settlement file.

3. I need scarcely add that when confirming titles the parties should, if possible, be induced to acquire by purchase from Government, and add to their holdings any open spaces intervening between them and prescribed lines of road, or otherwise conveniently supplementing their property.

T. C. HOPE.

No. 1507 of 1867.

To

A. H. SPRY, Esq.,
T. H. STEWART, Esq.

Surat, 13*th September* 1867.

Sir,

You have probably observed that applications for "Ruza-chittees," or permissions to build, as contemplated in the Municipal Rules, are not unfrequently made by persons who have either no *bonâ fide* intentions of building, or who wish to obtain a title to land by stealing a march on others who may not be aware of their application.

2. I would therefore suggest the following rules for your general guidance:—

1*st*.—No ruza-chittee should be given to any one to build on land of which he is not in possession.

2*nd*.—Unless an applicant satisfies you that he is really about to build he should be told that his application will be disposed of during the regular inquiry into the lands in the map of the locality.

3*rd*.—No ruza-chittee should be given without previous proclamation of the application in the locality, as is the practice with regard to house property sunnuds.

4*th*.—In cases where building may have commenced, or there may be other reasons for immediate orders, while at the same time the enquiry into title cannot be at once completed, a "ruza-chittee" may be given on the applicant agreeing to abide by the result of that enquiry.

5*th*.—It should be borne in mind that our investigations are not with the object of conveying or settling any rights of property, but only of deciding the relations of that property with Government. When property may be disputed between two or more claimants, therefore, all that is needed is to decide that it is house property, or as the case may be, and that a proper sunnud will be issued to whoever may produce proof that he is the lawful holder.

T. C. HOPE.

Revenue Survey and Assessment.

No. 3921.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 14th November 1867.

Letter from the Revenue Commissioner, N.D., No. 5131, dated 26th October 1867.—Forwarding, for orders, a correspondence relating to an entire re-organization of the survey and enquiry into titles to land in the towns of Surat, Broach, Balsar, and Ahmedabad, sanctioned in the Government orders noted in the margin, and now, with the exception of that portion relating to settlement of titles in Surat, proceeding under the superintendence of Mr. H. H. Summers, a Sub-Assistant Superintendent, deputed from the Gujrat Revenue Survey Department; and stating that, in anticipation of the sanction of Government, he has instructed the Acting Superintendent, Gujrat Revenue Survey, to place Mr. Bulkley in charge of the enquiry work in Surat, on the approaching departure of Mr. Stewart to resume charge of his own duties in the Panch Mahals, pending the sanction of Government, and that as Mr. Bulkley and Mr. Guerin are the most experienced Classers on the Survey Establishment he cannot recommend the employment of both of them at the

Ahmedabad.

Government Resolution No. 3044, dated 9th September 1863.

Surat.

Government Resolution No. 1643, dated 20th April 1865.

Balsar.

Government Resolution No. 1643, dated 20th April 1865.

Broach.

Government Resolution No. 2269, dated 20th December 1865.